

BERNSTORFF ASSURES
AMITY OF GERMANY
IN FRYE SETTLEMENT

Government Will Maintain
Amenities Proper to
Friendly Nation and
Will Scrupulously Re-
gard Diplomatic Niceties

WASHINGTON, March 12.
Ambassador von Bernstorff, on leaving
the State Department, where he conferred
with Secretary Bryan and Counsellor
Lansing, said that the German Govern-
ment "has not the slightest intention of
disavowing the legal niceties involved in
the sinking of the American ship William
P. Frye by the auxiliary cruiser Prinz
Eitel Friedrich, and it will observe all of
the amenities due between friendly na-
tions."

Count von Bernstorff said that his Gov-
ernment had scarcely received his re-
port of the case yet, and consequently he
had had no orders relative to it.
"The captain of the Prinz Eitel Fried-
rich tells me," said the Ambassador,
"that he was on the water from the first
of the war. He did not receive the
first order issued by our Government on
August 3, which declares that it is not
efficient proof of contraband that a
cargo of grain be consigned to a fortified
place of the enemy. He put to sea with
the London convention as his best legal
guide. Under this convention a cargo of
grain consigned to a fortified place of
the enemy is contraband. This cargo of
grain was consigned to Queenstown, Fal-
mouth or Plymouth, each of which was
fortified."

Captain Kleinhe spent an hour with
Counsellor Lansing, and according to As-
sistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters
presented nothing in his testimony to
show that the cargo of the Frye was of
a contraband character.
Secretary Peters said that affidavits
had been filed with Counsellor Lansing
giving an account of the capture and
sinking of the Frye by the Prinz Eitel
Friedrich. These affidavits were signed
by Captain Kleinhe and by members of
the crew. Mr. Peters also stated that he
had received word from the captain of
the Eitel Friedrich that he would be
able to state how long it would take
to make the necessary repairs to his ves-
sel until after a close inspection of her
hull had been made.
With the deposition today of Captain
Kleinhe, of the American ship William P.
Frye, the inquiry into the sinking of the
ship by the German raider Prinz Eitel
Friedrich, directed by President Wilson,
was brought to an end.

Circumstantial reports that Germany al-
ready has notified the State Department
informally that she will disavow the sink-
ing of the Frye were widely circulated
here today. On the subject of whether
Germany taking the initiative would be
welcomed officials were also mute.
The Navy Department has received the
report of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, and
also Commander Thierichsen's sugges-
tion of the time that he would like to
have to remain in Newport News mak-
ing repairs. The report was widely cir-
culated here today. It was suggested
that an announcement would benefit
the British and French ships now
steaming about off the Virginia Capes.

THE WEATHER
FAIR
Have you noticed how much more opti-
mistic is the appearance of things in gen-
eral when you dash out of the front
door these mornings on your way to
work? The meanest thing about winter
we know of is this getting up in the
middle of the night, as it were. There
is no more enjoyable phase of the spring
season than to find the world thoroughly
awake with the sun up just long enough
to lighten up whatever corner you may
happen to be in. In summer by the same
time it is very apt to be advanced enough
in its course to make it hot. But these
days it finds the golden mean to the
half's breadth.
Another proof spring is here.
FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—
Fair weather and moderate tempera-
ture tonight and Sunday; gentle
winds, mostly northwest.
For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia
S. A. M.

Barometer	30.34
Thermometer	54
Wind	Northwest, 8 miles
Humidity	71 per cent
Clouds	Clear
Visibility	10 miles
Direction of surface wind	Northwest
Force of surface wind	8 miles
Direction of upper wind	Northwest
Force of upper wind	10 miles

On the Pacific Coast
San Francisco—Weather, cloudy; temperature, 54.
Los Angeles—Weather, cloudy; temperature, 54.

Almanac of the Day
Sun sets 6:54 p.m.
Moon rises tomorrow 12:54 a.m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:55 a.m.

Lamps to be Lighted
Auto and other vehicles. 6:50 p.m.

The Tides
PORT RICHMOND.
Low water 7:23 a.m.
High water tomorrow 12:54 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 7:54 a.m.
High water tomorrow 1:54 p.m.

CHERRY STREET WHARF.
Low water 7:12 a.m.
High water tomorrow 12:42 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 7:42 a.m.
High water tomorrow 1:42 p.m.

READY ISLAND.
Low water 8:17 a.m.
High water tomorrow 1:54 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 8:54 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:54 p.m.

BRIDGE ATTEM.
Low water 8:30 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:00 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 9:00 a.m.
High water tomorrow 3:00 p.m.

MARTIN BRUMBAUGH McANALY
GOVERNOR'S FIRST NAMESAKE



Son of Policeman Neil McAnaly, Local Option En-
thusiast, Will Be Christened at St. Ann's
Catholic Church Tomorrow.

Martin Brumbaugh McAnaly, one week
old, officially will become a namesake of
the Governor when he is christened at St.
Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Cedar
street and Lehigh avenue, tomorrow
morning.
He is the son of Policeman Neil McAn-
aly, of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin
street station, and is one of the
first babies to be named for the Gov-
ernor. Like the State's chief executive,
his father is a staunch believer in local
option, and the young future citizen will
be trained in the footsteps of his father.
Policeman McAnaly is one of the most
ardent supporters of temperance at the
station.
A christening reception will be held at
the McAnaly home, 233 East Letterly
street, tomorrow afternoon.

30 MEN NEAR DEATH
IN GAS WORKS FIRE

Explosion Caused by Flames in
Building at Passunk Avenue
and Schuylkill.

Thirty men had narrow escapes from
death today when fire, followed by an
explosion, started in a building on the
property of the United Gas Improvement
Company at Passunk avenue and the
Schuylkill river.
A quantity of coal tar was stored in
the three-story brick building. The fire
after the explosion spread with great
rapidity, and the entire contents of the
building was in flames in a few min-
utes.
The blaze shot up 100 feet in the air, and
blanketed the district along the river
front under a dense cloud of smoke.
The local U. G. I. fire company re-
sponded immediately to the alarm, and
aided by the men of the city fire depart-
ment, which arrived a few minutes later,
prevented the fire from spreading to the
gas tanks nearby. The flames were con-
fined to the building in which they started.
The workmen had all left the building
when the tar exploded. They were em-
ployed in extracting oil from the tar for
byproduct purposes. The origin of the
fire is not known.

CANADIAN LINER ASHORE
ON WEST COAST OF AFRICA

Vessel by Means of Wireless Is Call-
ing for Assistance.
BORDEAUX, March 12.—The Canadian
Pacific liner Montrose is ashore on the
Portugal Bank near Mburu, Senegal, on
the west coast of Africa, according to
cable messages received here today. Her
wireless is calling for assistance.
The Montrose is a 7207-ton, four-masted
steamship, built in 1912. She is 44 feet
long and has a breadth of 52 feet, with
accommodations for several hundred pas-
sengers. Captain G. S. Webster is in
command.
At the outbreak of the war the Mont-
rose was commandeered by the British
Government for use as a troop ship. She
was used to transport the first Canadian
contingent to Europe, and it is believed
still to be in use as a transport. It is as-
sumed that she either was returning with
British troops from South Africa or was
transporting Portuguese troops into the
Portuguese possessions in Africa for of-
fensive movements against the German
colonies.
The Montrose figured in the first in-
ternational wireless drama. When a
boarder that Doctor Crippen, notorious
wife slayer, was intercepted in his
flight from London to America, Captain
Kendall, later master of the ill-fated Em-
press of Ireland, was in command of the
Portuguese ship in Africa for of-
fensive movements against the German
colonies.

Murders Wife and Shoots Himself
CLEVELAND, O., March 12.—Because
his wife refused to agree to a reconcilia-
tion, John C. Fellows today shot and
killed her and then fired two bullets into
his own breast. He is dying in the
hospital. The couple separated last fall.
The baby was born four weeks ago.
"I love my child, but feel that I am not
in a position to bring him up properly,"
said Mrs. Cohen. Several of the visitors
promised to give their answer by next
Monday.

DEATH OF MURDERERS
OF JOHN B. McMANUS
IS EXPECTED BY U. S.

State Department Looking
for Word That They Al-
ready Have Faced Firing
Squad—Zapata Leader
Promises Reparation.

Feared That Summary Execu-
tion of American's Slayers
May Cause Violence on Part
of Bandit Soldiers—Villa
Asked to Free Priests.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Word that
the murderers of John B. McManus in
Mexico City already have faced a firing
squad was expected by the State Depart-
ment today. Advice from the Brazilian
Minister state that General Salazar, Zap-
ata's commander of the Federal district,
has promised to comply in every way with
the demands for reparation by the United
States.
With Zapata troops on guard at every
point the Mexican capital today was re-
ported very quiet. Zapata himself has
not entered the city, contrary to earlier
reports. It is supposed that he is mov-
ing to attack General Obregon, who is
retreating toward Vera Cruz. Meanwhile
the United States, through its representa-
tives at Vera Cruz and Mexico City, is
endeavoring to re-establish communica-
tion that will facilitate the free passage
of trains carrying food supplies destined
for the civilian population of the capital.

SITUATION CAUSES FEAR.
The possibilities in the situation are
causing the utmost concern to officials
here. Zapata and his men have many
bitter enemies among the members of the
foreign colony in Mexico City. When the
former bandit was in control recently
several clashes were narrowly averted. It
is admitted that either side might bring
on a riot that would have grave conse-
quences. In consequence a strong intima-
tion has been sent to Villa that his cause
will be greatly benefited by the early ar-
rival in Mexico City of convention troops
other than those dominated by Zapata.
The murder of McManus because of the
circumstances surrounding it, has made
the officials here apprehensive of what
will follow summary execution of his
slayers. Zapata's troops in made up
of the most desperate characters. They
have been accustomed to rob and ravish
at will without interference from their
officers. If General Salazar keeps his
promise to free the McManus murderers,
their companions may attempt
reprisals that will start a general riot
with resultant casualties to foreigners.
Because of this fact, the Brazilian Min-
ister has asked to keep in constant
touch with the State Department.

WANT 500 PRIESTS FREED.
Urgent representations have also been
made to Villa to obtain the immediate
release of the 500 priests who are held
prisoners in Mexico City. Cardinal Gib-
bons has appealed to the State Depart-
ment to demand their freedom. It was hop-
ed that they would be turned loose by
General Salazar despite the known hatred
that he, Zapata and Villa have for the
clergy. Villa has been told by his
supporters here that it would be a "good
policy" to do this and he may so decide.
Advice from San Pedro received here
today says that Villa, at the head of an
army of 25,000 men, now is moving against
Tampico. He is declared to be well sup-
plied with arms and ammunition and to
have a large quantity of heavy cannon
and machine guns.

Villa Decides to Take Tampico
EL PASO, Texas, March 12.—General
Villa has decided to open his campaign
against Tampico at once. After taking
Tampico he will advance against Vera
Cruz and says he will drive General Car-
ranza out of Mexico.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 12.—Carran-
za troops under General Herrerra have
suddenly appeared in the city of Juarez
and are trying to cut General Villa's
line of communication. When the Villa
campaign against Tampico.

COUNT WITTE, NOTED
DIPLOMAT, IS DEAD

Was Czar's Peace Commis-
sioner in Negotiating Terms
With Japan.

PETROGRAD, March 12.—Count Sergei
Witte, Russia's great statesman, is dead
at the age of 68. The Count had been
in failing health for several months, and
for the past few years had not been active
in public life.
Count Witte belonged to the liberal wing
of political thought in Russia. He was
one of Russia's foremost diplomats and
authorities on finance.
Together with Baron Roman Rosen,
former Russian Ambassador to the United
States, he concluded peace with Japan at
the Portsmouth, N. H., conference in
1905.
It was due to his brilliant diplomatic
abilities that the terms on which Japan
agreed to make peace with Russia were
considerably more advantageous to his
country than the terms originally de-
manded by the Mikado's Government.

A GREAT DIPLOMAT.
At that period Count Witte was probab-
ly the most powerful statesman and
most trusted adviser of the Czar. It was
upon his word that the fate of war and
peace during the Portsmouth conference
depended. A man of keen insight and
shrewd knowledge of political and diplo-
matic affairs, Count Witte, it was said,
was very much opposed to conclude peace
at the time President Roosevelt offered
the good offices of the United States to
the belligerent countries. When the
Japanese Peace Commission demanded an
indemnity of \$200,000,000 as part of the
peace terms, Count Witte was the first to
advocate the payment of the sum.

ROCKEFELLER SPEEDING NORTH
NEW YORK, March 12.—With John D.
Rockefeller speeding from Florida on a
special train, preparations were made to-
day for the funeral of Mrs. Rockefeller.
Definite plans probably will not be an-
nounced until Rockefeller's arrival to-
night.
Present plans are for a strictly private
funeral Sunday evening at the Ponce de
Leon hotel, where the body is taken to Cleve-
land for interment in the Rockefeller
plot at Lakewood cemetery.



HARRY K. THAW
Slayer of Stanford White, whose name and troubles have been dis-
cussed over the English-speaking world, was acquitted of conspiracy
by a New York jury this morning.

BRITISH LOSE ANOTHER
CRUISER TO SUBMARINE

Only 26 of Crew of 220 Saved
When Bayamo Is Tor-
pedoed.

LONDON, March 12.
The sinking of the auxiliary cruiser
Bayamo by a German submarine in St.
Patrick's Channel was admitted by the
Admiralty last night.
Heart-rending tales of the last moments
about the Bayamo were told today by Lieuten-
ant Commander Guy and the little group of
survivors landed at Ayr, Scotland.
"Five minutes after the German torpe-
do struck us, the Bayamo went to the
bottom," said Guy. "Of the 220 men
aboard her, I am certain only the 26
picked up by the Balmorine and Tara
were saved. The others were killed by
the explosion or went swimming down to
the vortex of the sinking ship."
The last I saw of Captain Carr he was
standing on the bridge, cool and smiling.
He waved goodbye to the men at the
boats and shouted 'Good luck to you,
boys.' I dived from the deck and in al-
most a minute it seemed the Bayamo was
out of sight."
The Bayamo is the fourth British aux-
iliary cruiser to be lost since the war
began. She is the first big victim of a
German submarine in many weeks.

JAIL SENTENCE AGAINST
MILLIONAIRE SET ASIDE

U. S. Court of Appeals Saves Pat-
erson From Prison Cell.

CINCINNATI, O., March 12.—The
United States Court of Appeals today set
aside the jail sentence imposed on John
H. Patterson, the millionaire cash regis-
ter manufacturer of Dayton, for viola-
tion of the Sherman anti-trust act.

FOUR KILLED, 200 INJURED
WHEN GASOLINE EXPLODES

Boys Playing Near Tanks Were
Buried Under Falling Walls.
NEW YORK, March 12.—Four boys are
known to have been killed and more than
200 were injured shortly before noon to-
day when two tanks containing gasoline
blew up at the plant of the Crew-Levick
Oil and Gasoline Company at Montauk
and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn.
George F. Avery, manager of the plant,
is missing and is believed to have been
killed, as parts of a man's body have
been found in the ruins.
At the time of the explosion a number
of boys were playing near the plant. They
were buried under the falling walls of
the building and the bodies of four have
not yet been recovered. It is not known whether
any more were killed.
Fire engines and ambulances were hur-
ried to the scene, but were forced to let
the fire burn itself out before search
could be made for the bodies.
The force of the explosion was so great
that windows in houses more than a mile
away were broken.
Many persons in the neighborhood were
thrown to the streets and painfully in-
jured. More than 100 persons were cut by
flying glass. Many of the injured were
removed to hospitals.
Mrs. Jessie Hankins, financial secre-
tary of the oil company, was blown
through the office door into the street.

MADDOO HAS GOOD NIGHT
"As Well as Could Be Expected" After
Operation.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary
McAdoo is as well as could be expected.
He spent a very comfortable night.
This statement was made at Providence
Hospital today in regard to the condition
of the Secretary of the Treasury,
who yesterday underwent an operation
for appendicitis.

HARRY THAW
IS ACQUITTED;
MAY GO FREE

Argument on Plea to
Send Him Back to
New Hampshire to
Be Heard Monday.

Decision to Return Him to Ju-
risdiction of Court in New
England Would Automati-
cally Release Slayer of Stan-
ford White.

Blows Exchanged in Courtroom and
Police Drive Out Crowd—Prisoner
and His Family in Tears When
Verdict Is Read—Co-defendants
Also Acquitted.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Harry K.
Thaw won a most important victory to-
day in his fight for freedom. A jury ac-
quitted him and his four co-defendants
of the charge of conspiring to effect his
escape from Matteawan Asylum, in Au-
gust, 1912. Next Monday afternoon Jus-
tice Page will hear arguments on a mo-
tion that may virtually set the slayer of Stan-
ford White free.
The verdict was returned at 12:30 o'clock
this afternoon, after the jury had been
out about 19 hours. The verdict was
brought in 15 minutes after a request
from the jury room for a rereading of
certain parts of the Court's instructions.
These parts dealt with Thaw's contention
that he fully believed and was advised
that he violated no law when he made
his sensational flight by automobile from
Matteawan.
Thaw went back to the Tombs supreme-
ly confident. He was certain, he said, that
his attorneys would win the next fight,
which will begin before Justice Page on
Monday, to have him returned to the
jurisdiction of the New Hampshire courts
—a move that will automatically give him
his liberty.

BLOWS STRUCK IN COURT.

The ending of the conspiracy trial came
amidst a tumult in the courtroom. Sher-
iff Max S. Griffenhagen, of New York
County, and John Lanyon, head of a de-
tective agency employed by the District
Attorney's office, exchanged blows under
Justice Page's bench. A courtroom full
of spectators crowded to the front. The
police rushed the crowd and drove it from
the courtroom, using clubs freely.
Lanyon was taken into custody and
rushed to the Tombs by order of Justice
Page. Sheriff Griffenhagen, reported to
have struck the first blow, was summoned
to the Justice's chambers. The crowd was
still jostling its way out of the room
when the Thaw jury filed in with the
verdict.

As the words "not guilty" came from
Foreman Bailey's lips Thaw's body
straightened tensely. His large, mobile
features broke into a radiant smile. Tears
suffused his eyes. He choked, unable
to speak his happiness as his lawyers and
friends rushed to shake his hand.

THAW FAMILY IN TEARS.
Then his head slowly turned and his
eyes sought those of his gray-haired
mother, across the courtroom. Tears
were streaming down her face and that
of Thaw's sister, Mrs. George L. Carneg-
ie. Thaw's brother, Josiah, wept.
Thaw's exit from the courtroom was
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SWALLOWS POISON IN STATION

Man Tried to Take Life at Broad
Street Terminal.
Before scores of passengers waiting for
trains, Abraham L. Koerner, until yester-
day a guest at the Adelphi Hotel, at-
tempted suicide by swallowing a large
quantity of poison in the main waiting
room of Broad Street Station today. A
man who occupied a seat adjoining him
notified Special Policeman Miles Acord,
who rushed Koerner to the Hahnemann
Hospital, unconscious. He may recover.
Letters found in the pocket of the man,
who is 22 years old, identified him. One
of the letters was addressed to his father
at 34 street square and Montauk avenue,
Bayside, Long Island. Koerner said that
he had exhausted his funds in this city
in search for work and was despondent.

TWO TO DIE IN CHAIR

Lancaster Court Sentences Accom-
plishes in Murder of Collatto.
LANCASTER, Pa., March 12.—Augustine
and Tony Vitale this morning were sen-
tenced by Judge Landis to be electrocuted
for complicity in the murder near Lan-
caster the evening of October 21, 1912,
of Tony Collatto, for which crime Rocco
Tassone, the actual murderer, was elec-
trocuted last Monday.
Collatto was Augustine Vitale's rival
in the fruit trade. The latter planned
the crime. The men received the sentence
unmoved.

The Kensingtonian Says:

It is said that Al Lutz, of West Phila-
delphia, featured at a party the other
evening where he ate four bowls of soup.
LOST AND FOUND
LOST—MIRALDO—Certificate No. 100 of
the Fairmount Avenue Building and Loan
Association, in name Michael J. Kennedy, for
five shares, 20 shares. Application has been
made for new certificates. Return to 822 N.
10th St.
LOST—Lady's gold watch, with monogram
"S. G." and heavy gold chain, on March
11, between 8th and 9th and between
Market and Locust. C. A. Glavin, Box 100,
Pa.
LOST—Gold ball-shaped watch, Monday even-
ing, Cafe L'Alphie or vicinity of City Hall
and Chestnut St. Reward, 250 N. 10th St.
LOST—Package by Annie Ritz, sent a pair
white gloves, in vicinity of 10th & Market
Sts. Return to 200 N. 10th St.
Other classified advertisements on Page 2